

Idaho Council on Children's Mental Health

Recommendation #5B: By September 1, 2001, the ICCMH will establish consistent statewide guidelines for authorization of local councils to review individual cases, make treatment recommendations and identify funding for services within those guidelines.

APPROVAL DATE: August 21, 2001

DECISION: The Idaho Council on Children's Mental Health approved the guidelines for local council authority.

REVISION DATE: December 16, 2003

Guidelines for the Local Councils must provide both standardization and flexibility. Following are the approved guidelines:

1. Local Councils shall be authorized to conduct staffing and review of individual cases when:
 - The parent, or legally responsible agent, has granted informed consent for local council staffing and review;
 - A request for services has been received by a local council member agency consistent with that agency's policy (such as by application);
 - The child meets the referring agency's definition of "serious emotional disturbance," the ICCMH definition of SED, or meets the prescreening criteria.
2. Local Councils are authorized to make service recommendations consistent with the capacity and types of services available from member agencies or local council contracted service providers.
3. Funding for services recommended by local councils are subject to the requirements of the individual agency providing the service.

The Local Councils will detail how they will meet these guidelines under Recommendation 5(C).